GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SPECIAL STATUS TO STATES UNDER APDRP .
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has given special status to some of the backward States to provide grant and credit under Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP);

(b) if so, the number of States included in this category;

(c) the norms fixed to give special status to States under the said scheme;

(d) whether the government is considering to give special status to Rajasthan in view of it being a border State and drought stricken State;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. Eleven States viz. Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tripura and Uttaranchal have been included under Special Category States for getting assistance under Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP).

(c) : National Development Council (NDC) accords special status to the States as per the following guidelines:

- Strategic location on the border with neighbouring countries;
- Hilly terrains;
- Inadequate economic and social infrastructure;
- Predominantly large tribal population; and
- Limited and weak resource base compared to development needs.

(d) : There is no proposal in Ministry of Power to accord special status to Rajasthan.

(e) : Does not arise.

(f) : The funding pattern for release of funds to the Special Category States under APDRP has been adopted as per the criteria laid down by NDC.